

## **RIGHT OF WAY**

The improvements on Virginia Beach Boulevard (Route 58) will require additional right of way. This acquisition will not displace any residents, businesses or non-profit organizations as a result of this project. As the design is further developed, additional easements for utility relocations may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the public hearing plans. The property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements during the right-of-way acquisition process and prior to construction. Questions concerning VDOT's policy of right-of-way acquisition should be directed to the following:

Mr. O. W. Williams  
Hampton Roads District Right-of-Way Manager  
Virginia Department of Transportation  
1700 North Main Street  
Suffolk, Virginia 23434-4322  
Telephone: (757) 925-2527  
Toll Free: (888) 723-8427

## **REMAINING ACTIONS**

Comments received from this Design Public Hearing will be reviewed by the Department, with recommendations forwarded for consideration by the Chief Engineer for Program Development.

ACTIVITY	DATE
DESIGN APPROVAL	EARLY 2004
BEGIN RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION	MID 2004
CONSTRUCTION ADVERTISEMENT	EARLY 2007

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you require further assistance or need additional information, please contact:

Ms. J. S. Wimbush  
Hampton Roads District Administrator  
Virginia Department of Transportation  
1700 North Main Street  
Suffolk, Virginia 23434-4322  
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**Thanks for your  
participation!**



**BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL  
1111 PARK AVENUE NORFOLK, VIRGINIA**  
**Wednesday, December 3, 2003  
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

**Design Public Hearing**

## **DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING VIRGINIA BEACH BOULEVARD (ROUTE 58)**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the City of Norfolk welcomes you to the Design Public Hearing. The purpose of this design public hearing is to provide individuals, acting on his or her own behalf or representing a group or governing body, an opportunity to offer written or oral comments, for the record, concerning the proposed Virginia Beach Boulevard project.

Representatives from VDOT and the City of Norfolk are present to discuss your concerns and answer your questions. Written comments can be submitted for review and consideration by leaving the attached comment sheet in the comment box or mailing the comment sheet, within 10 days, of the Design Public Hearing to the address on the back.

VDOT ensures non-discrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For further information, you may contact The Virginia Department of Transportation, Office of Civil Rights at (757) 925-2519, toll free (888) 383-VDOT or TDD 1-800-307-4630

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Virginia Beach Boulevard project will widen the existing four-lane road to a six-lane divided roadway with a landscaped median, sidewalks, and streetlights. Curb ramps and crosswalks, at the intersections, will allow for pedestrian movements. The project will begin at the intersection of Jett Street and continue 0.137 miles East of Briar Hill Road. The existing right-of-way varies from 118 feet to 141 feet. The proposed right-of-way will vary from 128 feet to 154 feet. This will allow for the proposed widening of the roadway, an increased area of landscaping between the roadway and sidewalk, and a raised median.

The total length of this project is approximately 0.76 miles. The design and posted speed limit will be 45 MPH.

**Project: 0058-122-104, PE-101, RW-201, C-501  
Federal Projects: STP-058-5 (001)**

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## PROJECT HISTORY AND NEED

In January 1997, the Norfolk City Council requested that VDOT implement the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction improvements to Virginia Beach Boulevard (Route 58) between Jett Street and Briar Hill Road. This project will widen the existing four-lane roadway to a six-lane facility with turn lanes and raised medians. In April 2000, VDOT and the City held a Citizen Information Meeting to discuss project issues. As a result, the design presented tonight reflects the needs and concerns of the citizens.

A traffic study of Virginia Beach Boulevard determined that current traffic volumes exceed the capacity of the roadway. The Year 2000 average daily traffic volume was 31,000 vehicles per day and is projected to increase to approximately 52,000 vehicles per day by the design year 2025. The proposed improvements will increase traffic capacity, decrease congestion and delay, and continue gateway enhancements into the City.

## **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

Design of this project will be in compliance with the Virginia Stormwater Management Act and Regulations, and the stormwater management standards and specifications approved by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. This project is not expected to generate any negative flood plain impacts.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

This project is Federally funded and meets the criteria for a Categorical Exclusion pursuant to 40 CFR 1508.4 and 23 CFR 771.117. Construction of this project will not result in significant impacts to the environment. The Federal Highway Administration approved the Categorical Exclusion Document, which is available at this hearing for review.

## PROJECT COST

The total estimated cost for this widening project of Virginia Beach Boulevard is approximately **\$11.1 million**:

Major Phases	Estimated Cost
Design	\$2.1M
Right-of-Way Acquisition and Utilities Relocation	\$1.7M
Construction	\$7.3M

**Virginia Beach Boulevard (Route 58)**  
**Mainline**

